

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

In addition to suppression of the free expression of ideas, the ownership cap also allows for market diversity and competition. Loosening these regulations are likely to follow recent trends and drive up costs for consumers as consolidation decreases the options within a marketplace.